

gas based power plants in Gujarat has been and
accorded approval;

(b) if so, the places where these are likely to be set up;

(c) the extent of increase in power generation capacity of Gujarat as a result thereof;

(d) the present position about the clearances of Pipavav gas based power project;

(e) the time by which all the proposed power plants are likely to be approved by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) The following proposals have been received for installation of gas-based power plants in Gujarat:

i. Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project, district Bharuch by the national Thermal Power Corporation Limited.	650MW
ii. Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project, district Bharuch by the Gujarat Power Corporation limited	615MW
iii. Pipavav Cobined Cyle Gas Turbine Project district South Saurashtra by Gujarat Electricity Board.	615 MW
iv. Utran Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project Stage-II, district Surat, by Gujarat Electricity Board.	135MW
v. Wanakbori Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project, by G.E.B.	600 MW

The proposal for installation of Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has since been approved by the Government and is under implementation by the NTPC. An addition of 650 MW in the installed capacity of Gujarat would take place on its commissioning.

The Pipavav Cobined Cycle Gas Turbine Project of 615 MW was techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority in October, 1989 subject inter-alia to the confirmation of 2.5 MCMD of gas by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. The Gas linkage for this project has not been confirmed.

The Pipavav Combined Cycle Project as well as other projects could be taken up for implementation only after all the essential

inputs/clearances including the funding arrangements have been tied up and investment approval has been accorded in respect of them.

Difficulties faced by Deep Sea Fishing Industry

7058. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether deep sea fishing industry is facing difficulties due to poor maintenance of its fleet; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-

DUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHARGOMANGO):

(a) and (b). It was reported that deep sea fishing industry faced difficulties during the last three to four years due to poor shrimp catch, fall in the price of shrimp in the international market, increased cost of operation, and agitation by a section of crew. In order to improve the situation, a scheme for rehabilitation of sick deep sea fishing units was announced by Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited (SCIL) in April, 1991.

[*Translation*]

**Air Services between Delhi and
Allahabad**

7059. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the air services between Delhi and Allahabad are not regular and have been suspended recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to resume the said air services;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Due to capacity constraints, Indian Airlines had withdrawn its services between Delhi and Allahabad.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In the schedule effective from 15.4.92, Indian Airlines has re-introduced twice weekly B-737 service between Delhi and Allahabad

(e) Does not arise.

**Registration of Small Newspapers of
Banaskantha District In Gujarat**

7060. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of application received from Banskantha district of Gujarat from small newspapers for registration during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of such newspapers registered during the said period; and

(c) the time by which the remaining newspapers will be registered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) A total of 15 applications were received for registration during the last three years- 10 in 1989, one in 1990 and 4 in 1991.

(b) and (c). Five of the 15 newspapers in respect of which applications have been received have already been registered. Discrepancies in respect of the other 10 applications have been pointed out to the publishers. They can be registered only after the publishers complete the formalities required by the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.

[*English*]

**Replacement of Old Telephone Ex-
changes In Karnataka**

7061. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of obsolete strowger MAX-II electro-mechanical telephone exchanges working in Karnataka;